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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC 600 Grant Street, 44th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 November 15, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 14, 2004, the time for response being by November 14, 2004. Because November 14, 2004 falls on a Sunday, the time for response is extended to November 15, 2004. This response is therefore timely filed.

The Examiner required applicant to select one of the following groups of claims for continued prosecution.

- I. Claims 1-5, directed towards a grid.
- II. Claims 6-10, drawn to a method of assembling a fuel assembly.
- III. Claims 11-15, drawn to a fuel assembly.

Applicant selects Claims 11-15 for continued prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to prosecute the non-elected claims..

Respectfully submitted,

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